

AGENDA

METRO-EAST REGIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS AUTHORITY

REGULAR MEETING OF DECEMBER 13, 2012

I. CALL TO ORDER

- A. Roll Call - Determination of a quorum present.
- B. Introductions by Chairperson
- C. Confidentiality statement presented
- D. Changes in Agenda:
 - 1. Does any member or the coordinator wish to change the agenda?
 - 2. Does any guest wish to speak on an agenda item?

II. MINUTES

- A. Corrections or changes for the minutes of the November 15, 2012 meeting?
- B. Approval

III. COMMUNICATIONS:

IV. NEW BUSINESS A. Complaints

12-070-9037 - In February 2012, the media announced that Gov Quinn had decided to close a state operated facility to move residents into community group homes. This was a budget decision, not based on the needs of residents. A letter from the agency Director dated February 24, 2012 indicates that the family will be contacted by Department of Human Services and still the residents and/or families have not received additional correspondence. No one has followed through on this promise or provided additional information. The HRA had a discussion, trying to determine the best way to proceed. Tabled at the last meeting.

13-070-9007 - A young lady with mental illness lives at home and she has become dangerous. Regional agencies are not assisting the family for placement and instead point the finger at one another that the other should be handling placement. In the mean time, the daughter has threatened to harm herself and her father. She was taken to an area emergency room and after assessment they discharged her home, did not offer the family a petition for involuntary admission. Tabled at the last meeting.

13-070-9014 - a Psychiatrist is treating a patient for schizophrenia and the patient does not have those symptoms - he does not hear voices and he is not mentally ill.

13-070-9015 - a consumer was living independently and because of false accusations she was forced to move into a mental health facility where she is being mistreated. Staff are mean; they won't allow her to see her record. They have given her the wrong medication and did not follow orders to follow up with blood work and accu check. Blood sugar was over 200. They are using the wrong diagnosis and Seroquel is killing her.

13-070-9016 - a consumer complains that racism is rampant among staff and consumers and a polarized unit. Mistreatment by staff is rampant.

13-070-9017 - a facility is offering a class that is being taught by persons who are not qualified during the evening hours. During these scam classes the rest of the staff turn off the television and do not allow phone calls even though the classes are held in a separate enclosed area.

V. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. Case progress reports

12-070-9016 - Madison County Housing - evicted & refused to return property

12-070-9034 - Alton Mental Health Center - computer/education

13-070-9001 - Alton Mental Health Center - computer privileges

13-070-9008 - Community Link - discharge & notify OIG of allegation of abuse

13-070-9009 - Alton Mental Health Center - least restrictive setting

13-070-9010 - Madison County Housing - eviction.

13-070-9013 - Alton Mental Health Center - medical and dental care

B. Reports of Findings:

13-070-9002 - Alton Mental Health Center - rights posted

13-070-9011 - Alton Mental Health Center - will not allow ink pens or pencils -

13-070-9012 - Alton Mental Health Center - blankets (personal property)

C. Case Closures:

12-070-9022 - Wellsprings - housing discrimination

13-070-9005 - Alton Mental Health Center - dental services

VI. ANNOUNCEMENTS AND COMMENTS

A. Set next meeting February 14, 2013 at 7:00 p.m. - Schedule site visits –

VII. ADJOURNMENT